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My husband and I have fished in Shelter Cove since 1970. We have just completed our home and are retired, permanent residents of Shelter Cove.

We, along with many others attended the MLPA meeting held in Eureka on August 9. We were united in the fact that we do not want a marine reserve, park or conservation area around Shelter Cove.

Shelter Cove is a unique community and is the only open access allowing boats to be launched between Eureka and Fort Bragg. If fishing were to be shut down here, this little fishing community would be devastated.

If you have never visited Shelter Cove, maybe you should. This is the time of year (the summertime) when the fishermen and their families provide income for the boat launcher, (tractors launch each boat), charter boats, the campground, three restaurants and a deli, vacation rentals, four motels and various bed and breakfasts; without them there would be no economy.

We understand the benefits of the marine reserves, but, there are already fifty-two protected areas off the California coast. These current protected areas and the gear restrictions, bag limits for certain species and shifts in fishing effort can address problems that face the fisheries. We do not need to shut down or further restrict fishing around Shelter Cove or any other fishing community.

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